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QUALITY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Medical Council at the national level on the pattern of University Grants Commission (UGC) in addition to the University of Health Sciences in order to formulate policies with regard to the imparting of quality education in the medical field;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the decision of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to create more opportunities for imparting specialised education to the doctors?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) Medical Council of India is in existence for maintaining the quality and standard of medical education. National Health Policy - 2002 envisages the setting up of a Medical Grants Commission for funding new Government Medical and Dental Colleges in different parts of the country and for funding upgradation of the infrastructure of the existing Government Medical and Dental Colleges of the country, so as to ensure an improved standard of medical education.

(c) The institutions under the control of Central Government are already running number of post graduate and Superspeciality courses. Besides, the facilities available in the Central Government institutions are also upgraded from time to time by introducing new post graduate as well as superspeciality courses and by increasing seats in these courses to create more opportunities for specialized training of doctors. In addition, the Medical Council of India regulations provide for starting of new or higher course of study in medicine. Under these regulations, the Central Government is granting permission for starting of postgraduate and superspeciality courses and also increase in intake capacity in these courses in institutions managed by the State Governments as well as Private Trusts, which is an ongoing process.